

## Message

**From:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** 1/8/2015 10:30:57 PM  
**To:** Bruce Merchant [bmerchant@gmail.com]  
**CC:** Berkoff, Michael [berkoff.michael@epa.gov]; Hatton, Marc [Hattonm@kalamazoo.org]  
**Subject:** RE: Happy New Year and Status Update

<http://wmuk.org/post/wsw-negotiating-plan-removing-contamination>

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**From:** Bruce Merchant [mailto:bmerchant@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 08, 2015 2:59 PM  
**To:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Berkoff, Michael; Hatton, Marc  
**Subject:** Re: Happy New Year and Status Update

Hi Paul -

Marc is out of the office today (Thursday) but wants to be included in the call. You can reach him on his cell phone:

269.419.0978

Thanks. Talk to you at 4:30 PM or so. I have another conference call from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM today. If you could patch me in last, that would be helpful. Thanks.

Bruce

On 1/7/2015 10:08 AM, Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) wrote:

Roger that, I will initiate the call. If others could provide me with their best phone number, that would be great.

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**From:** Bruce Merchant <bmerchant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 7, 2015 10:00:51 AM  
**To:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Berkoff, Michael; Hatton, Marc  
**Subject:** Re: Happy New Year and Status Update

Thanks everyone for getting back to me on this.

Let's plan on Thursday, January 8 at 4:30 PM EST for the call.

Paul - can you please initiate the call (since you're so much better at it than I am!)

Please use my standard number: 269.270.2334.

I'd like for us to discuss the following items, if possible:

- 1) Status of local rollout/media response/etc....
- 2) Status of groundwater monitoring data - next meeting/discussion, etc....
- 3) Our next meeting? When? Discussion topics?

My read is we'll need to start talking about some of the "loose ends" that are out there and how best to move forward. I'll attempt to generate a list and get it out to everyone by tomorrow.

Thanks!

Bruce

On Wed, Jan 7, 2015 at 9:26 AM, Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) <[BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov](mailto:BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov)> wrote:  
430 eastern works for me as well.

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**From:** Berkoff, Michael <[berkoff.michael@epa.gov](mailto:berkoff.michael@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 7, 2015 9:03:05 AM  
**To:** Bruce Merchant  
**Cc:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Hatton, Marc  
**Subject:** RE: Happy New Year and Status Update

4:30 tomorrow works for me.

**From:** Bruce Merchant [<mailto:bermerchant@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 07, 2015 7:22 AM  
**To:** Berkoff, Michael  
**Cc:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ); Hatton, Marc  
**Subject:** Re: Happy New Year and Status Update

Good Morning All -

Thank you for your replies. I haven't heard from Marc yet (I think he's been out sick) but it looks like we can connect but maybe not on Thursday (tomorrow). I'm tied up most of the day (meeting to meeting to meeting). I'm free around 4:30 EDT, however, if that works. I can also do Friday. Sorry for the mix up - my week kind of "exploded" on me.

Let me know if tomorrow after 4:30 PM EDT works or if we should shoot for Friday.

Thanks.

Bruce

On Tue, Jan 6, 2015 at 9:23 PM, Berkoff, Michael <[berkoff.michael@epa.gov](mailto:berkoff.michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

Happy New Year guys. I hope that you all had a nice break. Ditto on Paul's comments. Your rollout has been fantastic. Thursday would be good for me too. I can make tomorrow work if need be, but Thursday would be better.

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**From:** Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ) [mailto:[BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov](mailto:BUCHOLTZP@michigan.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 05, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** Bruce Merchant; Berkoff, Michael  
**Cc:** Hatton, Marc  
**Subject:** RE: Happy New Year and Status Update

Happy New Year Bruce! And Everyone too!

Thanks for the update. Things have been looking pretty good on our side of the fence. I would say you gents have done a masterful job of navigating this tough terrain, up to this point. Well done.

Call this week sounds great. I have openings all Thursday afternoon, or Friday after 3 EST. I can bring Wednesday in (other than 3 to 4 EST) if we need that day to make it work.

I look forward to speaking with you soon. Thanks again!

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**From:** Bruce Merchant [mailto:[bemerchant@gmail.com](mailto:bemerchant@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 05, 2015 2:22 PM  
**To:** Berkoff, Michael; Bucholtz, Paul (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Hatton, Marc  
**Subject:** Happy New Year and Status Update

Happy New Year, Everyone!

I hope everyone had a good holiday and is able to stay warm with the most recent blast of cold air.

I wanted to provide a quick update on a few items so everyone stays in the loop on recent activities (and some planned ones as well.)

First, the local response has been excellent to the "Redevelopment Option." The local stakeholder groups (most the Kalamazoo River Cleanup Coalition) has been very positive about the redevelopment option. They also have LOTS of questions mostly involving specifics that still have to be worked out through the process. Their big issues seem to be around two major issues: process (how will the redevelopment option be incorporated into the Feasibility Study, when it will be, etc....); and, groundwater data. It was shared with them that the data from the recent groundwater monitoring this past fall is being evaluated. They're interested in the results on what the results may (or may not) show.

I don't get the impression that these are major concerns but there is a lot of interest in them. The sooner we can validate the groundwater data and make it public, the better it will be, I believe.

Second, the positive response that has been received so far is very encouraging. There has been a lot of discussion with local media with one article in mLive.com already printed (over a week ago now) plus another one in the works. In fact, it may be online shortly and printed either Tuesday or Thursday of this week. The article will include the concept drawings that were shared with the stakeholder groups as well. There will also be a public radio interview on Wednesday, January 7 at 10 AM (I don't think it will be a live broadcast) at the WMU station - WMUK. Jeff Chamberlain, Deputy City Manager will be interviewed along with Gary Wager and Denise Keele from the KRCC. The host for the interview, Gordan Evans, is very low-key so I don't expect anything controversial to come out of the interview. I also did an interview on Michigan Radio that was broadcast a bit prior to the end of the year, I guess. Not sure of what they did to my comments but I haven't heard anything negative about it.

Third, it may be helpful for us to connect either later this week or early next week - even if it is only over the phone. I leave for about 18 days on January 14 and Marc leaves on January 21 or 22 for a week or so. We'll both be out of the loop for that time period (but I'll have my phone and computer with me and I'll be checking emails.)

Please let me know if you've heard anything different and when some times you are available for a conference call.

Stay warm!

Bruce

